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SUBJECT: GDR PROTESTS ALLEGED FRG INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

1. SUMMARY: THE GDR HAS OFFICIALLY PROTESTED ALLEGED FRG ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES GDR CITIZENS TRAVELING IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THE BASIS FOR THE PROTEST IS EVIDENTLY WEST GERMAN PRESS REVELATIONS OF ALLEGED AUTHORIZATION TO THE FRG INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND BORDER POLICE TO CONDUCT SUCH ACTIVITY. THE GDR IS GIVING MAJOR MEDIA ATTENTION TO THIS STORY TO ILLUSTRATE THE PERFDY OF WEST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY AIMED AGAINST THE GDR. END SUMMARY.

2. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF 3,4,5 AND 6 JUNE HAS GIVEN PROMINENT FRONT PAGE SPACE TO REPORTING ALLEGED FRG INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AGAINST GDR CITIZENS TRAVELING IN THE WEST. THE BASIS FOR THESE STORIES IS REPORTING IN THE "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" THAT "SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE FRG BORDER POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE BY THE FRG MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AUTHORIZING THEM TO RECRUIT GDR CITIZENS TRAVELING IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. GDR PRESS AND MEDIA REPORTING OF THIS SUBJECT HAS EXCERPTED HEAVILY FROM THE "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" REPORTING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CONVEY THE MOST NEGATIVE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF FRG

MOTIVES IN THIS CASE AND TO LEAVE NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS
OF EAST GERMAN READERS AS TO THE VERACITY OF THE REPORTS.

3. EVIDENTLY IN RESPONSE TO THESE REPORTS, THE GDR
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN BONN AND DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER KURT NIER IN EAST BERLIN OFFICIALLY PROTESTED
THESE ACTIVITIES TO THE FRG JUNE 5. AS REPORTED IN GDR
MEDIA, THE PROTEST CITED FRG INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER
BY NAME AS THE ORIGINATOR OF THE ALLEGED AUTHORIZATIONS
TO RECRUIT GDR CITIZENS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES AND ALSO
CITED THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE FOR ITS RESPONSIB-
ILITY. THE ALLEGED ACTIVITY IS DENOUNCED IN THE GDR PRO-
TEST AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE BASIC TREATY AND THE HEL-
SINKI FINAL ACT, AS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
OF THE GDR AND AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE SECURITY INTERESTS
OF THE GDR, AND AS DAMAGING TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
STATES.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT THE REGIME IS USING
THE "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" REVELATIONS TO ATTACK THE
MOTIVES OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS
RELATIONS WITH THE GDR AND TO CONVEY A SENSE OF OUTRAGE
TO EAST GERMAN READERS AT THIS NEW EVIDENCE OF WEST GERMAN
INFAMY. THE SHARPNESS OF THE CRITICISM IS REFLECTED IN THE
FACT THAT THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE IS DIRECTLY IMPLICATED.
NORMALLY GDR CRITICISM OF THE FRG CAREFULLY
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AVOIDS ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTACK ON
THE CHANCELLOR. WHETHER THIS WILL HAVE A BEARING ON A
SCHMIDT-HONECKER MEETING REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

5. PROPAGANDA TREATMENT OF THIS KIND IS OBVIOUSLY USEFUL
TO THE GDR IN ITS EFFORT TO JUSTIFY ITS RESTRICTIVE
TRAVEL POLICIES. IT MAY ALSO BE INTENDED TO HELP COUNTER
THE BAD PUBLICITY WHICH THE GDR MAY REAP FROM THE LUTZE
TRIAL WHICH BEGINS IN DUSSELDORF TODAY. BOLEN

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